

Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: January 22, 2007

From :  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Director

Subject: **Agenda Item 11: Consideration of resolution authorizing an augmentation of grant SMM-0463 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for Vista Hermosa Watershed Restoration Project exercising certain additive alternates from the original bid.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing an augmentation of grant SMM-0463 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for Vista Hermosa Watershed Restoration Project exercising certain additive alternates from the original bid in the amount of \$2,300,000.

Legislative Authority: Section 6500 *et seq.* of the Government Code and Section 33204 of the Public Resources Code.

Background: The Board previously authorized Proposition 50 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for the construction of the Vista Hermosa Los Angeles River Watershed Restoration Project. At the time a contract was executed with the construction contractor, MRCA was given the option to exercise additive alternates by January 2007 without incurring additional costs. The MRCA wishes to exercise this option at this time. The requested funding will allow the addition of the following elements: additional restroom, alternative cast stone concrete walls, park building, playground elements, additional plant material, outdoor amphitheater, and a 10% contingency. The contingency is a standard element in construction bidding and covers changes due to unforeseen conditions or events.

Additional funding for the project has also been secured from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, the Los Angeles Unified School District, private donors, an SMMC Proposition 12 grant, a City of Los Angeles Proposition K grant to LAUSD, and a Community Development Block Grant from the City of Los Angeles.